National Cleanup Workshop

Revitalizing WIPP's Infrastructure

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How Did We Get Here?

- WIPP construction completed in 1980s
- Designed as a pilot project with a 35 year operational life; decommissioning originally scheduled to begin in 2014-15
- During American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, shipments were dramatically increased to an average of 20+/week
- Updated TRU waste inventory shows need to keep WIPP viable to at least 2050


Groundbreaking

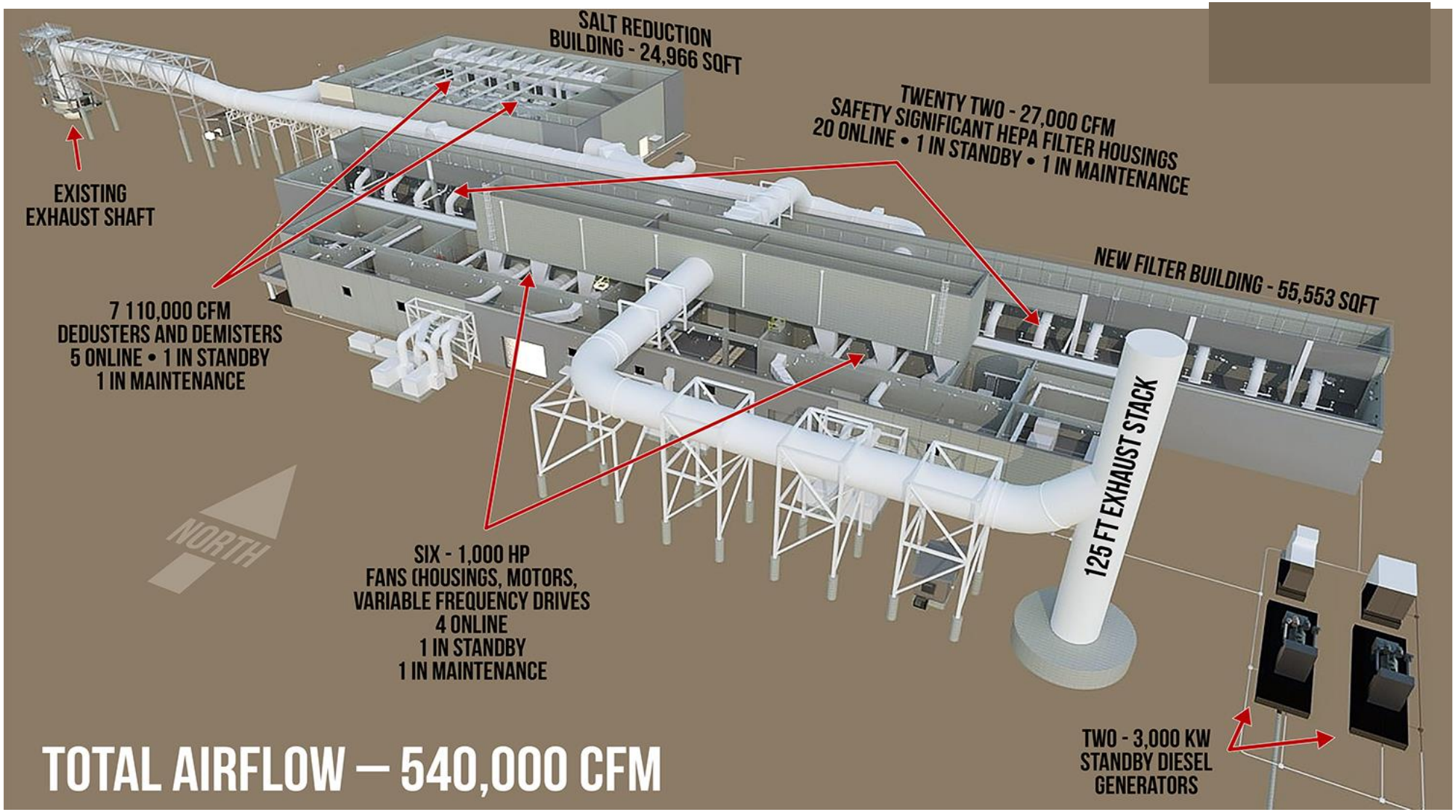

Sinking First Shaft

Aging Infrastructure

Reinvesting in WIPP's Future

More than $500 million in capital projects

- Safety Significant Confinement Ventilation System



Capital Projects Status

- **SSCVS Progress**
  - SSCVS Fabrication Assembly Building foundation slab has been poured
  - Subcontractor is making preparations for steel erection
  - First filter housing has successfully passed formal housing and filter banks testing
  - Two diesel generators manufactured and delivered
  - First de-duster components fabricated in Germany have been tested in Germany, and then sent to Grand Junction CO.
  - Exhaust Fans are being fabricated in Pulaski Tennessee

Capital Projects Status

- **Utility Shaft**
  - Installing utility duct bank from the site to the general shaft area.
  - Final grading of the 22 acre section required for the Shaft and Drifts contractor has commenced and will be completed in August

- **North Access Road Bypass**
  - The cut and fill has been completed
  - All the cattle crossings have been installed
  - The City of Carlsbad has installed the water line valves and thrust blocks

General Plant Projects

- Replacement air compressors
- Salt hoist repair
- Underground substation replacement
- Substations 1 & 3 Replacement
- Above Ground Airline Replacement
- WIPP Site Fire Loops Phases 1-4
- Central Monitoring Room Upgrades

General Plant Projects

- Site Infrastructure Backbone Upgrade
- Lightning Array Upgrade
- Safety Significant Fire Suppression Design
- Public Address System Upgrade Design
- Hybrid Bolter Purchase

Improving Underground Infrastructure

- WIPP underground operations personnel were unable to perform ground control for almost 9 months after the 2014 events
- It took several months of catchup bolting to return to steady state ground control
- Moving toward use of battery-electric or Tier IV final (low emissions) diesel powered vehicles

Conclusion

- Reinvesting in WIPP's infrastructure allows DOE to complete TRU waste cleanup
- We are continuing to move forward in order to complete our important mission
- We are also looking for ways to modernize WIPP

Questions?